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1. Rumanian seamen returning from abroad are required to promise in writing that once they are back in Rumania they will not talk to anyone about the countries they have visited. The seamen are also not permitted to take ashore any articles that they have purchased abroad.
2. Seamen's salaries are figured in pounds sterling but they receive their salaries in lei on their return to Rumania. This is done in order to hinder the Rumanian seamen from landing at Western ports. An exception to this rule is made when seamen land at Soviet ports. They receive half of their salary in pounds sterling which they may exchange at eleven roubles to one pound because the Soviets refuse to accept payment in lei.
3. When seamen leave Rumania for abroad, police agents pretending to be friends of the seamen, visit their families to see what the seamen have said to their families about conditions abroad.

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